

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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THE EVANGEL'S BIRTHDAY MAR. 1st.

CONSCIENTIOUSNESS IN HELL

The Spirits Alive In Sheol, Both Lower And Upper

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

Last week we took up the subject of hell, using the Hebrew word "Sheol." For convenience and to make it more simple, we referred to Sheol as having two rooms, upper and lower. We showed that the upper compartment was the place in which the spirits of good men were detained until the plan of salvation could be completed. We showed that the upper compartment was not a place of remorse, suffering or misery whatever, but a place of joy, and even sweet anticipations.

This week we are going to turn our attention to the lower division of this place, known as the present abode of the spirits of wicked men. On several occasions this place is referred to as the lowest hell (Sheol). The Lord says, "A fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn into the lowest hell." The revised version says, "burn into the lowest pit or into hell (Sheol) beneath, in other words, into the Sheol beneath the place called upper Sheol."

David, after having been reclaimed, said, "Thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell." The revised version says, from the lowest pit, hell (Sheol) beneath. David did not dread upper Sheol, but doubtless would have been glad to have gone to it and escaped his trials, but his dread was having to go to the lower Sheol. But when peace came to him, he rejoiced that his soul had been delivered from the lowest hell.

Conscientiousness In Hell

We showed in last week's issue that the spirit of man is rational after death. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were living in upper Sheol, also Lazarus and the thief from the cross were there. Then Jesus, though His body lay in the tomb, was there preaching to those rational beings. They understood Him to the extent that they were willing to follow Him out of that place to a better one.

We have an example of conscientiousness in hell in the case of Jonah who disobeyed God and was cast overboard and went down and down until he entered the fish's belly. The Scripture narrative says, "out of the belly of hell he cried." In this instance it is figurative, thus showing that those who disobey God shall go down to hell, and shall be there in perfect conscientiousness.

Quick—Into Hell

While Lazarus was conscious in upper Sheol, the rich man was conscious in lower Sheol. Jesus said there was a certain rich man. He did not say that we will imagine there was, but that there was. This rich man was conscious of his suffering; he was conscious that he was in hell; he remembered his five brothers and was much concerned about them not coming to that place. He was conscious of the fact that he could see Lazarus with Abraham in upper Sheol, and he desired Lazarus to help him in his trouble.

We have a statement in Psa. 55:15, as follows: "Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them. As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me." David's decree concerning those who are captured by wickedness to the extent that it is in their dwellings and among them, was, let them go down "quick," not quickly, into hell. The word "quick" is not an adverb denoting the rapidity of their going, but the expression is the same as that used by Paul when he said that Christ shall judge the quick and the dead, 2 Tim. 4:1. The thought conveyed by Paul is that Christ shall judge the living and the dead.

Here is the meaning of the Scripture in question, let death seize upon their bodies (that which is capable of death), and let their spirits, after separating from the body, go down alive into hell. There isn't any wonder that the rich man is suffering in hell, for he went there quick (alive) and is there today as much alive as at the day he arrived.

David did not expect to go alive into hell. He said, "As for me, I will call upon God." (Continued on page 9)

Real Servants of God Are Appreciated

RIPLEY, Tenn.—I just want to praise God this afternoon for victory in my soul. I praise Him for the meeting we had here at Beasley Chapel, which began Dec. 21, 1927 and continued until Jan. 1, 1928. There were two sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost and added to the church. Brother W. G. Webb and Brother P. F. Graves did the preaching. I thank God for men like them. Brother Webb is our district overseer and pastor and we are surely proud of him. Pray much for the work here.—B. H. Smith, clerk, R. 1.

36 RECEIVE HOLY GHOST

SILVER POINT, Tenn.—We had a revival on Mine Lick Creek, held by Brother Ralph Coulter, pastor, assisted by Brother Johnny Yates. There were thirty-two souls saved, thirty-four sanctified and thirty-six received the Holy Ghost.

We established a Church of God at Herion Chapel, Jan. 15, 1928, with twenty members. The writer was appointed clerk and J. H. Herron, deacon. The meeting continued twelve days and we had a wonderful time in the Lord. Pray that we will carry the banner for God.—E. J. Bozorth.

Devil Tried To Stop Meeting Thru Sickness

SURRENCY, Ga.—We have just closed a twelve days meeting here which began on the 4th of January and continued until the 15th. It was conducted by Brother Otis Basden, wife, two daughters and little son, an evangelist family from West Virginia. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Brother Basden gave out the Word with power. He won the love of many people down here in South Georgia. The two girls furnished music for us and we hope to have them back again if it is the Lord's will to send them this way.

The devil tried to stop the meeting by attacking the bodies of some, but the Lord promised to heal if we would only believe, so we relied on His promise and went on with the meeting. He healed Brother Basden, his daughters and Tommy of flu. He also healed my baby. We praise the Lord for this meeting and for the healing power.—T. R. Herndon, clerk.

Faint Not Little Children, God Careth For His Own

STEP ROCK, Ark.—Let us, as a band and as a Church of the Living God move forward and step out on God's great promises and thank God for the privilege we have of serving Him. Let us hold God's name and His Church up and let the world know that this is the real Church of God and is the body of Christ. We can see that He is getting ready to fix His head on His body and go flying away from this world to that beautiful city which He has prepared for His Church.

Let us not faint nor fall by the way-side but let us do as Daniel did when King Darius signed the decree that no man was allowed to serve any God save the King, Dan. 6:9. But we see Daniel as he knew that the decree was signed, go in his house and his window being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, knelt upon his knees three times a day as he did before hand and lifted up his voice to God in prayer and thanksgiving. They brought him and put him in the lion's den, but praise God, the good Lord was looking down upon Daniel; caring for him and He delivered him from the lions just as He will for us today if we will trust in Him.

I hear Jesus say over in Luke 12:7 that the very hairs of our head are all numbered and He will care for His own if we will give up to Him.—B. F. Cooper.

SOME SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS

We Are Living In the Saturday Evening Age of Time

Every thoughtful and prayerful man or woman can see that the last days are at our doors. Paul gives us to understand that in the last days perils of pleasure should come, and further informs us that people would be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

This fact is illustrated before our eyes every day. Never was there a time when people had less regard for one another, for God and their fellow-men than now. Selfishness has taken the day and most all the religion of today is of the head rather than of the heart. Unsound teaching in seats of learning, the spirit of worldliness in the nominal churches, mob spirit among the ungodly is so abundant that it is almost unsafe for the young generation to attend High School or Colleges for fear they become contaminated with Evolution and other skeptical teachings.

The multitudes are not thinking of God, neither the danger of sin and the wickedness of it. Most of them are after money and pleasure. The desire for money, fame and other lustful desires have been kindled in their heart and there is hardly a thought of God before their eyes. They have forgotten God, and become vain in their imaginations and their foolish hearts have been darkened. Many pride themselves in the fact that they are church members and are far enough advanced (as they think) to see that God is too good to damn people or the creatures of His hands, and if perchance they do not get to Heaven they will suffer but only a little while in the flames of hell and then be completely annihilated.

The teaching of Evolution (that is that man has evolved from a monkey) is another last day false doctrine, this leaves God out as the creator of man and such teaching can be rightfully classed under the "doctrine of devils," and is spoken by some who have departed from the faith; and one is made to wonder if they ever had any faith at all.

Never in the history of time has there been such a wave of crime in this nation and other countries as there is now. Nearly every time we pick up a "daily" about the first heading that catches our eyes is something about murder, kidnapping etc., which is another sign that we are living in an evil day.

Before we conclude this article we wish to mention something about "false doctrine," that is being advanced in these last days. Please bear in mind that Jesus Himself left on record the fact that we should take heed that no man deceive us, and Paul further admonishes that they come in sheep's clothing, and then conclude by saying that we should watch and pray.

The enemies of God and His Bible are assailing the Scriptures from every standpoint. They are putting question marks almost on every page of the Bible, others limit the power of God by saying that it is impossible for the Hebrew children to be kept (Continued on page 2)

JOSEPH A TYPE OF JESUS

God Favored Joseph and Made Him Governor of Egypt

Lula Caldwell, Atlanta, Ga.

Joseph lived in the land of Canaan with his father. Being the youngest of his old age, Jacob loved Joseph more than all the other brothers. For this reason they were jealous of him and hated him.

Once when Joseph's brothers were feeding their father's flock in Shechem, his father sent him to find them, to which he willingly agreed and started on his journey. When his brothers saw him coming afar off, they conspired against him, how to slay him and tell his father that some evil beast had devoured him. But Reuben heard them and said, "Let us not kill him, but cast him into a pit in the wilderness." He meant to return him to his father. So they cast him into a pit and then sat down to eat bread, when looking up they beheld a company of Ishmaelites on their way to Egypt. Then Judah suggested that they sell their brother instead of killing him, thus freeing their hands of his blood. To this they all agreed, took him from the pit and sold him to the Ishmaelites.

Jesus likewise lived with His Father in Glory and was His Father's beloved Son. He too was sent from His home, willingly, to His brothers, to seek and to save that which was lost, but His people would not accept Him, but persecuted Him and conspired how they might kill Him. This they did and as Joseph was cast into the pit, Jesus was cruelly crucified and put in the tomb.

Joseph being rejected by his brothers, was brought down to Egypt and sold to one of Pharaoh's officers. Here he won favor with the Egyptians. The Lord was with him and he was prosperous. His master said that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hands, so he made him overseer in his house and all that he had he put into his hands. It came to pass that from the time he made him overseer in his house that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake, for Joseph was a goodly person and well favored.

Joseph not only found favor with his Egyptian master, but also with Pharaoh. He too saw that the Lord was with Joseph, for he had interpreted a dream of Pharaoh's, which meant much to the land of Egypt, as well as the other countries, and Pharaoh said unto him, For as much as God has showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art. Thou shalt be over my house and over all Egypt, only in my throne, will I be greater than thou. Pharaoh took off his ring, put it on Joseph's hand, arrayed him in vestures of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. Thus the shepherd boy that had been made an outcast by his people, is now the governor of all Egypt.

Jesus also was rejected by His brothers (the Jews) and came unto the Gentiles, in whom He found favor, was accepted of them, because their great ruler and teacher and God (Continued on page 4)

THE EVANGEL'S 18TH BIRTHDAY

Expecting Church to be Light to Dayton

DAYTON, Ohio.—The Lord is blessing in Dayton. Brother J. D. Wilson of Middletown, Ohio, began a revival here which lasted three weeks. Then Brother R. Ruff also of Middletown, was appointed pastor and he continued the meeting one week longer. The Lord wonderfully blessed in these services.

There were eight saved, six sanctified, seven received the Holy Ghost and ten added to the church. Others are looking this way. We are expecting the Church of God to be a light to this city. Pray for us that we may be ready when Jesus comes.—Mrs. Oma Hughes.

GOD IS GIVING VICTORY

BROSELY, Mo.—When I came to Broseely I found things in a pretty bad shape. The enemy fought in every way he could, but the dear Lord is giving victory. There have been twenty-five saved, three reclaimed and seven sanctified, and the saints are getting right with one another.

We have been here three weeks and feel like the meeting has just started. Pray for us that the dear Lord will continue to bless.—Thy brother for lost souls, Chas. C. Ackman.

God Is Everywhere

BEDICO, La.—This evening finds me praising God for His wonderful love and mercies to His children everywhere. He is a real friend to me. Over four years ago the Lord found me in this dark world. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4.

The blessed Lord is all and all to me. I don't have the privilege of going to church, to mingle my voice in praise with the children of God, but God is everywhere. I ask the saints to pray for me that I will hold out faithful to the Lord until He comes or calls.—Ella B. Perilloux.

I BELIEVE I'LL GO BACK HOME

LENEX, Fla.—I want to thank God for saving my soul, sanctifying and baptizing me with the precious Holy Ghost, also for His goodness unto me. The Lord has surely been wonderful to me. I like the song "He is so precious to me." He is certainly precious to me, bless His dear name. The Lord has healed me so many times. I truly praise God for the Church of God everywhere, but especially the Church at Ft. Meade and Lakeland, Fla. I can say of a truth that Brother I. H. Marks of Lakeland is a real Church of God preacher.

I left the Church of God and went to the Holiness Baptist, but later realized that I went contrary to the Holy Ghost and now I am certainly hungry to get back into the Church of God. The name "Church of God" sounds good to me, and the first opportunity I have I am going back home. Bless the good Lord.

The Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the Church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood. Acts 20:28. Glory to God! I have a great zeal and determination to get out on the battlefield for God and His Church.

We haven't a pastor at this place, so dear saints please pray that the Lord will send one soon. I know the Lord doeth all things well. Some say the Church is in Heaven, but I am glad that there is one down here too. Praise the Lord!

Oh! there is such a hunger and thirst in my soul to get back home in the Church of God. Pardon the length of this testimony and pray for me. A true brother in Jesus—Lenon Easters, Route 2, Box 14.

For Many Years The Evangel has Carried a Message of Love

March 1st was the birthday of the Church of God Evangel. She has quite a career. The first copy was printed March 1, 1910 and the last copy Feb. 25, 1928. Right here I wish to say that there has been a typographical error in the volume since Jan. 1, 1928. The Evangel was eighteen years old March 1, 1928 and will be going on her nineteenth volume during this year. For eighteen long years she has been carrying the message of Truth.

Brother A. J. Tomlinson was the first editor. He edited the paper for a number of years. C. H. Shriner of Spring Place, Ga., filled the place for a short time. After Brother Shriner moved to South Georgia and became principal of the school at Odum, Ga., Brother A. J. Tomlinson resumed the place as editor and publisher. After this, Brother J. S. Llewellyn was appointed to edit the paper and act as general manager of the Publishing House. He served in this capacity for five years. At the 22d Annual Assembly of the Church of God, which convened in Cleveland, Tenn., Oct. 1927, the writer, S. W. Latimer, was appointed to edit the paper.

This paper has undergone many hardships. In its eighteen years, there has only been a very short time that it was not published. At the filing of the cross-bill by A. J. Tomlinson and his followers, there was a short time that the publication stopped. Since that time it has been going regularly every week. This last week we have received quite a few letters stating that they were divinely healed by prayer and laying on of the Evangel. As Jesus stated to the woman, truly it was their faith that made them whole. Doubtless this little paper has been a blessing to thousands of hungry hearts. Many people who were discouraged, by reading the good testimonies and other pieces in the paper, have been inspired, took on new courage and went forward in the Christian warfare.

We notice the first piece written for the Evangel was titled "Apology For Above Title," and that the paper at that time was titled "The Evening Light and Church of God Evangel." Below we are giving a copy of this first piece.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that light shall not be clear, nor dark. * * * But it shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light."—Zech. 14:6, 7.

"For thus saith the Lord God, Behold I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day."—Ezekiel 34:11, 12.

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—Matt. 16:18.

"Christ is the head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body."—Eph. 5:23.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark 16:15.

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."—Matt. 28:20.

The dark and cloudy day has passed. We are now in the evening of this wonderful gospel age. The sheep must be gathered from all places, where they have been scattered. They are coming as the light is now shining, since the sun has dropped from behind the cloud once more in the western horizon, and is shining brightly, just before dropping behind the hills, which will usher in the night of awful tribulations. The full blaze of light beamed forth from the pentecostal chamber, and shined forth with radiant glory in the early morning of the gospel day, and its beams have pierced through the dark ages and created a warmth to many almost discouraged lives at intervals ever since the pouring out of the Spirit on that memorable day. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the (Continued on page 2)

RALLY DAY

LET US PUT ON A BIG DAY

Remember that April 8th is the time set for a general rally day to raise money on the great debt hanging over the general property.

Why not every church put on a special program on that day? By this you may "kill two birds with one stone." You honor the resurrection of Jesus, also you may resurrect some money for the above stated purpose.

Please let every pastor consider that this is a very important matter, one about which no one should be lightly concerned.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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EDITORIALS

As has been stated in a piece on the front page, this is the Evangel's birthday. We wish to sound a note of praise through the country, to all the churches and many lovers of the little paper, also we wish to thank them for their loyal support in the struggle of the past. We are looking for a better day for the Evangel and its cause. We feel that God is going to smile upon the work and that surely in the next few years, there will be something out of the ordinary by way of spiritual blessings. We feel that this little paper will be the printed page that will carry to the world, the great blessings of God and the miraculous healings that surely will prove to the world that there is a God in Heaven.

If there ever has been a time in the lives of the Holy Ghost people that they need to live good, and through God's blessings prove to the world that there is a God, it is now. The Church that bears His name certainly has a great responsibility on Her, and we should do our best to please Him so He may be able to use us, not only for the salvation of the world, but to bring to pass the sayings of Jesus. Many hungry hearts are longing for the real signs to follow believers, and we feel like the day is at hand when God is going to work thru His people. Let us be faithful and be ready to be used of Him in the way that would be uplifting to a lost world, and pleasing to the God of the skies, who stands ever ready to bless and use those who solely depend upon Him.

We have received quite a few letters recently inquiring about testimonies for the paper. We are doing our best to take care of the situation. It is estimated by the proof readers that we have testimonies and other pieces for the paper, by the hundreds, and I don't believe they have over estimated it. We have counseled over the advisability of putting on an extra paper, but have decided that it would cost us at least one hundred dollars per issue for the extra and then the same condition would soon confront us again. Now we are anxious to put every piece in the paper, and there has only been one or two pieces sent in that we could object to, and these took advantage of the Evangel to say a few things about their former leader. I feel that these should not have been used. Now due notice is hereby given to all those who feel they want to say, someone has backslidden, or their preacher has preached too hard, all such testimonies and letters will be mailed back to the individual. These things should be settled in the local church and no advantage should be taken of the organ of the Church to herald such deplorable conditions. I am sure it was an oversight in the precious ones who have done this, and I was new in the work and didn't think of the harm it might do, but I will certainly be more careful from this on. Now if you fail to see your piece in the paper, you may know that it is on the account of the limited amount of space that we have, but we will get to them just as soon as we can. If your testimony or piece is mailed back to you, you will know we feel that it wouldn't be best to publish same, for the reason that we want to keep ever in mind, the best interest of the Church and its people.

We have on hand most any kind of book that our folks might need in their work for the Lord. Recently we have published some little books that we feel should be in every home. The

Notices and Specials

All the following named members of the Church of God at Blue Diamond, Ky. who fail to answer to this notice on or before March 3d, 1928 there will be charges brought against them for failure to attend the Church and for being disloyal to the Church's rules. Bertha May Ambrose, Andrew Brewer, Sister Barnes, Nellie Bennett, Ada Gilmore, Peggy Gayhart, Mary Ratliff, Laura Quinton, Sarah Ratliff, Jessie Shepherd, Mary Salyers, George Wilson, Melda Williams. In case of failure to reply to this request, the above names will be dropped from our church records. Mail your reply to—Woodson Combs, Clerk, P. O. Box 96, Bonnyman, Ky.

Ruth Rollins, of Archer, Florida requests prayer of the saints everywhere that she may be healed of tumor. She states that she believes this way is right and wants the Holy Ghost. Pray earnestly for her healing.

There will be Home Coming Day at Summit church on the Birmingham and Memphis Highway near Dora, Alabama on Easter, 1928. We invite all the churches that are in reach to come and spend the day and find a place where God is blessing and the saints shouting. The members will be expected to bring their dollar to close the drive. We are expecting the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be present and take charge. Good speaking and singing. Don't miss it. Remember the date—Easter Sunday. Come! Come! Come!!!

To all the members of the Church of God at Carbur, Fla. You are requested to be present at the church at Carbur, Fla. on the 3d Saturday and Sunday in March, 1928. This will be our Home Coming Meeting. Every member is requested to be present and enjoy the blessings from the Lord. We are standing for the \$1.00 each to help pay off the Church debt at headquarters at Cleveland, Tennessee. Your humble pastor.—D. W. Mills. Per D. H. Brown, clerk and treas., box 102, Carbur, Fla.

CORRECTION

Sister Elizabeth Horsey had a testimony in the Evangel of Feb. 11th, the heading of which was "He is so precious to me." There was a statement like this, "I guess some of the saints are wondering where Sister Harris is." It should have read Sister Harris instead of Sister Barris.

I guess quite a number of the saints are wondering whether or not I have gone over yet, so I will say that I now have my passport in hand and am expecting to sail from Key West Monday Feb. 20, D. V. All pray for me. Yours in Jesus and for lost souls. Z. R. Thomas.

To all the churches and ministers in Lynchburg, Virginia, District: convene May 4-6 inclusive in our Home. Our convention will convene May 4-6 inclusive. We want every minister and layman, if possible to be with us. We expect Brother Jernigan, our State Overseer to be with us, also Brother J. S. Llewellyn of Cleveland, Tennessee. Brother Llewellyn will continue with us for a revival. We also expect Brother L. G. Rouse to be with us at this time. Let us make this a real Home Coming for the Church of God in this district. We will expect you—do not disappoint us.—J. J. York, District Pastor, Rt. 5, Box 172, Lynchburg, Va.

We will have all day meeting and dinner on the ground Easter Sunday. Everybody welcome. Be sure to bring well-filled baskets. Let us pray for an overflow from glory. We are expect-

first one, "Startling Facts" by E. L. Moore. I have just received a letter from him in today's mail, asking me to put the price of the little book at 20c per single copy, 15c by the dozen, or \$10.00 per hundred. It is worth three times that price to any home where children are being reared, that they might know the evil of tobacco. We also published a little booklet by Mrs. Poteat. We haven't been authorized to sell this book thru the House. It is a history of her Christian experience and you can get it by ordering from her. We have a book by T. S. Payne, "Timely Themes." This book can be had from this House. Also another book by Sister Efford Haynes, "Bible Questions and Answers," "Book of Prophecy" by F. J. Lee; "From the Gambling Den to the Pulpit" by J. C. Jernigan; and many others too numerous to mention.

We wish to thank our many friends for sending in their job work. It is a great help to the Publishing House and is keeping us busy right now. If your orders don't reach you just when you think they should, you may know that it is because we are crowded with work. We can furnish you stationery of any description and print just anything on it that you want, verses of Scripture, or anything.

Please remember the second quarter literature will soon be ready to mail and we will appreciate it if you will send in your orders early so that our help will have time to fill them without causing such a rush.

ing our State Overseer, W. E. Raney also other good speakers from nearby churches. Do not forget the date and place, Easter Sunday at Anderson, S. C.—Odus Smith.

About June 1st I can take a pastoral charge anywhere. Any State or District Overseer may write me if needed. Do not want evangelistic engagements, as I have more than can fill already.—E. L. Moore, LaBelle, Fla.

To the members of the Church of God at large:

All those whose membership is at Cleveland, Tenn., we earnestly request that you cooperate with us in the one dollar drive. Please send in your dollar to F. G. Chambers, church clerk. In case you are not able to pay your dollar, we will appreciate it if you will notify us by mail and we will pay this by some other plan that we will devise later. We thank you in advance for this cooperation in the work.—S. W. Latimer and I. C. Barrett, pastors, F. G. Chambers, clerk.

As there are so many statements being made about what I have done since my offer for service has been accepted by the Church of God, and since it is apparent that some people are free to undertake to state my reason for offering my service, I decided to have my article which was published in the Church of God Evangel put in tract form, so that more people may know "first handed" just why I offered my service to the Church.

The article was not written until we had spent much time in careful and prayerful consideration and it is a concise statement of reason for doing as I did. Some have undertaken to put their interpretation on it, and much has been said, but the article speaks for itself and I am not afraid to meet both it and my opposers at the judgment in regard to the statements it contains. I could have stated a number of things that have taken place among those with whom I was formerly associated, which caused me to realize that God was displeased with the movement; and I could have shown the spirit of mud slinging as others have done since I left their number, but I did not want to manifest that kind of a spirit, for I believe it is foreign to the Spirit of Jesus.

I am classed with Benedict Arnold and termed a rebel and a traitor. I am also referred to as Sanballat's son-in-law, and it has been said that what I have done was from a meat and bread standpoint, and many other hard statements have been made, that is only a blessing to me according to Matt. 5:11. May God's tender mercy be unto those who are guilty of such unscrupulous work, and may He give me grace to endure all things as a good soldier.

We are now at Miami, Florida, trying to feed God's precious sheep, and we solicit the prayers of the saints that God will greatly bless in this needy field.

If anyone would like to have some of the tracts to send to their friends who are not readers of the Evangel they are now ready and we will take pleasure in sending as many as are wanted. I will also appreciate any help to distribute them among those who should know the truth and enjoy the same unity and fellowship of the Church of God that they once enjoyed.

—Yours in the Master's service, J. P. Hughes, 436—S. W. 8th St., Miami, Fla.

REQUESTS

O. A. McMullen, Box 686, Logan, W. Va. requests prayer for his wife, Mrs. Dixie McMullen, that God will heal her of T. B. of the lungs, she has the baptism and belongs to the Church of God at Logan, W. Va.

Please pray for my head, it has risen and I am suffering very much from my neck and head. Pray also for my little boy who has bronchial trouble. We are trusting the Lord for both soul and body.—Ella B. Perilloux, Bedico, La.

Mrs. Violet Knouff requests prayer for her husband's healing. He is suffering with his back and hips.

As a sinner so deep in sin, I write this to ask the prayers of all you people to pray one prayer for me. I feel sometime like I am forever lost, but I truly hope not. I have one sister that has the Holy Ghost and I believe that it is the only way to get to Heaven. I hope to be where I can attend Church of God services and go to Church of God Sunday School some day. Pray for me and mine.—A sinner.

I am requesting special prayer from all the saints for my healing. I am suffering with stomach trouble and a weak heart. I know the dear Lord is able to heal me, having been healed so many times and I expect to trust Him even unto death.—Mrs. Florence Billing, Rt. B., Statesboro, Ga.

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first and the last, said Jesus; and as the light first burst forth with such glory and power in the first or early morning, when the sun was first seen arising above the eastern hills, then as Jesus is first and last also, we can expect nothing less in glory and power in the evening light than broke out over the eastern hills in the early morning of the gospel age. The evening light, the true light, is now shining, and the sheep are hearing His voice and coming from every place where they have been scattered during the cloudy and dark day. His church was planted in the early morning, and burst out on the sea of humanity like a thunder bolt from a clear sky, and the sheep rushed into her and the conflagration kept spreading and the power kept falling as the church was but one, until Paul declared that the gospel was preached to every creature under heaven. The command to go, the command to evangelize is just as forceable today upon us upon whom the ends of the world have come as it was when first uttered by our Lord and Head of the church. They were successful in the morning light. We must be just as much so in the evening light, or we will fall beneath our privilege, yea our obligations. The Holy Spirit was given to the disciples in the morning to give them power to accomplish just what they did accomplish. He is given us today for the same purpose. We dare not falter. We dare not quail. We dare not fear. The time is short. The harvest is ripe. The sickle must be furnished and put into use. The precious fruit of the earth must be reaped. It must be done quickly. Some fields are now dead ripe. Will be lost soon if we don't run and work hard, and wield the sickle with wisdom and power. Be strong. Be of good courage. Don't mind the rebuffs of the enemy. Don't even listen to his roaring. Wield the sickle. Let him roar. Work right on. Teach the people to observe all things whatsoever He said to His disciples in the early morning. This is the evening, but the same sun is shining. I am Alpha and Omega. I will bring them from all places says the prophet. They shall see and flow together. Their hearts shall be enlarged. The gates of hell shall not prevail against His church. Truth crushed to earth shall rise again. His church shall shine out with the brilliancy of her infancy. Lift up your hands and look. Behold her as she is finally pure and spotless, and presented to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle or any such thing. Eph. 5:27.

More Of God's Word Fulfilled

GARY, W. Va.—Brother S. E. Money came to Long Branch Church, Filbert, W. Va., Jan. 9th, and began a battle against the enemy, which lasted eleven nights. The dear Lord surely did bless in giving out the Word. There were nine converted, two reclaimed, seven sanctified and five received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The Lord so wonderfully blessed, and the power was so strong that the building was locked on us, thus fulfilling more of God's precious Word there. Please pray for this little church, that the dear Lord will make a way that the saints can have their own building soon.

We came to Wilcoe, W. Va., and started a battle against the enemy. Please pray for the success of this meeting, that the Lord will have His way. Brother Money is a wonderful man of God; any Church needing a revivalist, would do well to get him.—Yours in the service of the King, A. J. Cox, Box 632.

The Devil Has Done His Best, God is Blessing

ABERNANT, Ala.—Dear readers, we the Church of God at Abernant, have had a hard time for six years, that is concerning a place of worship. We have been put out of a place two or three times. The devil has given us a hard fight for some cause. He has done his best to put the Church out of business here, but I know our God is more than a match for the devil and I have my trust in Him. The Lord has made a way that we could buy a house and two lots for \$150.00. We are trusting God and know He will continue to help us. We desire that one and all ask the Lord to make a way for us. The devil is at work against us. Remember us in your prayers.—Mrs. Annie Cagle, Sec'y and Treas.

DESIRES PRAYER

RHINE, Ga.—I am not feeling so well in body this morning, but I am saved and sanctified and have a determination to press my way to Jesus. Dear saints, please pray for me that God will fill me with the Holy Ghost and heal me. Pray for the little band here.—Mattie Davis, R. 3, Box 25.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

"Fine," says the devil:—
When we cease to pray.
When we cease to shout.
When we cease to attend the services regularly.

When we are late if we do go.
When we are at ease in Zion.
When we think the Church of God is like all other churches.

When we begin to find fault with the pastor.

When we begin to talk about the members.

When we begin to talk and act like the world.

When we begin to find fault with headquarters.

When I begin to think I am the only one right.

When we lose our patience with weaker members.

When we begin to lose our temper.

When we think we can serve the Lord just as well by staying at home on service nights, as by going to church.

When we keep back the Lord's TITHES, because we either don't like the pastor, or because we didn't get the one we thought we ought to have.

When we get stingy with our free-will offerings.

When the pastor takes sides with any party or faction, in the church because they are good payers.

When the pastor loses confidence in any of his members, and talks it among the other members.

When the pastor begins to preach his sermons AT some of his members.

When the pastor begins to preach just to suit some of his members, or any one else.

When the pastor ceases to be the Lord's Ambassador for lost souls and becomes a hireling.

When our preachers consider taking a pastorate, simply from the financial ability of the church in question.

When pastors forsake their churches because they can't pay them a fancy salary, or the tithes become small.

When our pastors begin to think, they have to live in better houses, eat better food, wear finer clothes, own and drive newer and better automobiles, than the average of their members.

When our pastors get to the place where they can only think, talk and preach in the money language.

When our churches cease to let brotherly love continue.

When our prayer meetings are attended by fewer members than the regular preaching services.

When we as members refuse to perform any task assigned to us.

NOTE:—The ministry can take the above one, for their own too.

When our people lose interest in the Sunday School.

When our people get to Sunday School at 10:30 when the hour is set for 9:30.

When the Superintendent is always late in starting the Sunday School.

NOTE:—The pastor or Sunday School Superintendent, who will wait and wait, about beginning their respective services, or makes it a habit of being late at the appointed hour, is a first class workman for the devil.

For he knows that, when we have any of the above (bad) qualities that we are nearer hypocrite siding or backsliders station, than at any other time.

NOTE:—Any one having suggestions for Pointed Paragraphs, send them to S. F. Beard, Box 2511, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

God Had The Honor

THORN, Miss.—In August and September my family and myself were seized with chills and fever. The Lord healed us and we give Him all the glory and honor for it. We say this for the glory of God.—Jake Nabors.

SOME SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS

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alive in the fiery furnace, for Jonah to live three days and nights in the belly of the whale. And when they make such statements they deny the power of God and limit the Holy One of Israel, and sadden of all is the fact that such teaching is given out in the chairs of the universities and theological schools. Spiritualists and modernists are using the press and every means conceivable to deny the atonement which is the only ground for man's salvation. They believe in no personal devil and need of taking the narrow way that leads by Calvary's brow where the Son of God died for the sins of the lost race.

Jesus Himself declares that if possible such false teachers would deceive the "very elect," and sad to say that many are following their pernicious ways, and are being deceived by such ungodly men because the way of the Lord is too narrow for them, and they do not care to bear the cross and follow the Lord daily, and be among the number who would rather suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season.

E. J. Boehmer.

Found She Was Fighting Conviction and Not Holiness

NASSAU, Bahamas—I find that the Lord is all that He promised to be. I truly praise Him for what He is to me. My soul is filled with glory. I thank Him for calling me when I was quite young, only seventeen years of age. My heart gladly obeyed the call. I lived a pure and converted life as well as I knew how, but always found there was a craving desire in my heart for more of God's love and grace. I never knew anything about sanctification, but I would often talk of Jesus.

Later on an evangelist came to our home, preaching sanctification. My heart was hungering after it. I thought it must be that which I was needing in my soul. It was not long before I saw the light and walked in it. Bless the Lord, I really had a deep peace in my heart. I knew that it was put there by God Himself.

One year later a dear old brother whose name was Evans, came to our home preaching the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues. I didn't know what it was, but thank God for His Word that always brings comfort to our souls. I searched it and soon found that it was just the same as he was preaching. Well, as people generally do, I fought it at first. The devil tried to keep me away from the meetings. I soon found out that I was fighting conviction and not holiness. I began talking to God and He really talked to me. On the 26th night of December 1910 I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence and I have been walking in the light ever since.

I want to praise God for His healing power. Just about the time all hope was gone of being healed, Jesus came to my rescue and wonderfully healed my body. God is so good to us. He heals our bodies as well as our souls. I was suffering with pyorrhea and sent for an anointed handkerchief from Brother Lee. Before the handkerchief came I was healed. Glory to God!

I thought this might be a help to others who are suffering, if I put it in the Evangel. I can say I feel all right and once more able to do my own house work again. I was healed by His help to shout until He comes or calls. You who read this please pray for me that I might remain true and humble to Him and be an overcomer through the blood.—Zedeline Weech.

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EATING THE GOOD OF THE LAND

I am truly glad to have this opportunity of writing in the Evangel, and above all, I am glad that I can report victory in my soul. I count it an honor to be in school and I mean to fight the devil harder when I get out, than I ever have before. I have started out to make Heaven my home, so this means the narrow way. (See Matt. 7:14). When I started in the way of Holiness, I left this world's goods behind. We cannot serve two masters; we will hate the one and love the other, or else we will hold to the one and despise the other, so it means, say, good-bye old world; leave off its pleasures and cling to the Rock.

I am looking forward to the great home-coming, when I can eat at my Father's table. Sometimes we have to suffer here, but when we get home, there will be no scarcity of good things. Our Father owns the cattle of a thousand hills. (Psa. 50:10) and a storehouse of good things so we'll have nothing to do but praise God and eat the good of the land. He is able to take care of His children, if we will be obedient. We see men and women failing to trust God in many ways, but every true blue child of God will take Him at His Word and will stand foursquare for truth and right; run the race with patience. Heb. 12:1. So let us do our best for the Lord and keep close to His side and be ready, watching for His coming. I ask the prayers of all who read this, that I might be a soul winner for Him.—Your brother in Christ, A. L. Smith, Boynton, Pa.

Looking Forward To Closing Exercises

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." Psa. 103:2, 3. In remembering the blessings and benefits of the Lord, I am made to thank Him for the privilege of being in Bible School again this term. This I consider very beneficial to both young and old today, in order that we might know how to compete with this gainsaying world, that their mouths might be stopped by giving them, "thus saith the Lord."

This is my third year in school and I believe I can truthfully say it has been the best one so far. The general average of the entire school on midterm examinations was 98 1/2. We only hope we can make the final as well.

Our number has been reduced some, but we can still report fifty strong, standing for truth and right. We have begun on our program for the close of school, which we hope will be very beneficial to all who attend. We extend to you a cordial invitation to come and enjoy the great feast with us. It will be shown on Friday night, the 13th day of April. We are not at all superstitious of that day, therefore we do not believe the program will be a failure because it is on Friday, the 13th, but we are expecting a good time.

Only a few more weeks now until we will have to say good-bye to our "happy school days" and enter our field of labor. I want to do my little part for Jesus, so all pray that I will be a servant, fit for the Master's use.—A student from Louisiana, Annie Lee Walker.

Jesus Is Our Captain

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy. Psa. 107:1, 2.

I am glad that I can say so, because He has redeemed me from the hand of the enemy. I am truly grateful to the great saving Jesus who spoke peace to my troubled heart when I was drifting on life's uncertain sea. I am satisfied because I find in Him the solution for all life's problems. He is the sure anchor that will hold our barge when the waves surge and storm against it. We sing a song here in school, titled "Stilling the Tempest." Some of the words read, "If we trust in our Captain while out on the deep, He will say to the storms, Peace be still." Truly He does bring peace, and calms our fears when we are troubled within and without. How sweet it is when the angry surges subside at His command and the great calm of His love and blessed assurance floods our souls. Surely we should not be discouraged even though the way looks dark at times. Jesus is at the helm and we should not fear.

Time is rapidly hastening on toward the close of another term of school. Mingled with this thought is sadness when we realize we must soon bid one another farewell. How precious the past few months have been that we have spent here and how we have learned to love one another. I do not know if a sweeter fellowship can exist than does here, but it is because God is in this place. I have attended other schools but we did not

have that love and unity. It is God who unites our hearts together with His great love, as one great family.

I am glad for the many good things that we have learned here in school, and my desire is that many more may have this opportunity. May God bless all the dear ones who have in any way, made it possible for us to be here.—Pearl Anderson, Plaza, N. Dak.

JESUS, THE GREAT TEACHER

Yes our school session is rapidly drawing to a close. Some are rejoicing because they will soon be homeward bound; others are thinking of the fact that this term will no doubt be their last one in Bible School, and that brings a feeling akin to sadness. In fact each one has within his bosom, to some degree,

A feeling of sadness and longing That is not akin to pain; But it does resemble sorrow, Just as mist resembles rain.

We know that in all probability the very same ones will never be gathered together in the school room again, but thanks be to God, we have that glorious hope within us, that some sweet day we shall meet on yonder shore, see the sweet, sympathizing, matchless face of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and praise Him throughout eternity without being limited by our physical capacity. There will be no parting with friends and loved ones there.

The blessings which we enjoy come from above and we praise and thank our heavenly Father, to whom all glory and honor is due. There can be but one reason why this school is so dear to us—God is in our midst. The love that fills our souls and prompts sweet fellowship is given by our Lord and Master, who first loved us. That which we admire and love in one another is Jesus in our lives. How helpless we are without Him! But, bless His precious name, He will continue to abide in our hearts and live our lives for us, so to speak, if we continue to pray and keep our lives surrendered.

In Jesus I find all I need. I appreciate the school and our teachers, Brother Payne and Brother Walker, who strive to continually point us to this Jesus, the Great Teacher, who is Master of the greatest art the world has ever known—the art of living right. This art He teaches us, through the leadings of that Comforter, the precious Holy Ghost whom He promised His disciples would be sent, just before He left this earth and went back to the Father to prepare a place for us.

Dear Christian friends, please remember us Bible students during the summer months and pray that each of us will be in God's will.—A Bible student from California, Anita Faye Cree, Baldwin Park, Cal.

JESUS IS ALL THE WORLD TO ME

PELHAM, Ga.—I praise God this morning for what He has done for me. He saved my soul from sin, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire. I can never thank Him enough for His blessings to me.

I am trusting the Lord with both soul and body. Bless His name! I was poisoned all over with a poison bush. My general health was so bad that the doctor said I never would see a well day, but thank the dear Lord, He has restored my health and I didn't take medicine. I just threw it all down and said if the Lord could save my soul, He could heal my body and I am thanking Him for the faith He has given me, and for the mighty healing power. He tells us in His Word that if we have the faith, He will heal all manner of diseases. I am so glad I learned to trust the Lord.

I feel like I could write all day. The Lord has been so good to my family. He saved my daughter and baptized her with the blessed Holy Ghost. He saved my husband and all but picked him up out of the grave and healed him. Our home is a testimony to the world. I can never thank the dear Lord enough. I pray that this might be a help to some dear reader. I want the dear saints to pray for me that I might stand true and pray that my husband will receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. W. H. Spence.

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CONSCIENTIOUSNESS IN HELL

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upon God; and the Lord shall save me." He said that God was merciful to him and had delivered his soul from the lowest hell.

The Soul Does Not Die

We find in Ezk. 32:21, that the strong among the mighty shall speak out of the midst of hell. The mighty ones speaking in the midst of hell, is the thought. Jesus said, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul." The body may be shot down and even burned to ashes, but Jesus says, that they are not able to kill the soul. Then it is evident that the soul does not die.

John said, "I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and the word of God." Rev. 20:4.

I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held; and they cried with a loud voice saying, How long O Lord, wilt thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth." While this is yet future, we can readily see that these are souls, separate from the bodies of men. They cry aloud; they remember how the blood of their bodies was shed by wicked men. They hear a voice saying to them, rest for a little season until their fellow-brethren shall be killed as they were. White robes were given to them. This shows that they were not sleeping souls, but were very much awake and alive.

We have called attention to the above to show that the soul, which is often used synonymously with spirit, is immortal and is not capable of death by human agencies that it separates from the body and is detained within the place specially prepared for them, until the resurrection.

The righteous soul at one time went alive to upper Sheol, and the soul of the wicked man went alive to lower Sheol, but since Jesus visited upper Sheol and led the captive out, Paradise is no more beneath, but is above. O how wonderful are these thoughts. While they are wonderful and will doubtless raise a question in the minds of some, nevertheless they are in harmony with the Word.

We will give one more instance to show that men retain that everlasting principle called life, though they suffer in hell ages to come. We find in Rev. 19:20, that the antichrist who is referred to as the "man of sin," not a system, but a real man, shall with the false prophet, be cast alive into the Lake of Fire. Notice, "alive." Men not only go quick (alive) into Sheol, but shall go into the lake of fire doubly alive, having their resurrected bodies.

We learn from Rev. 20:10 that they will have been in the lake one thousand years and yet not consumed.

We have given the above to more thoroughly establish the fact that the spirits of wicked men are living in hell (Sheol) and shall be, until God calls them to the final judgment.—(Continued.)

GOD BLESSES ABUNDANTLY

ALCOA, Tenn.—I am praising God this morning for salvation and for the way He is blessing His people. I feel it my duty to write a few lines in regard to the work that our pastor, Brother Walter Anderson, is doing at this place. I am sure he has done his best. He has taken an interest in the work here. Less than one year ago he started raising a fund to buy a lot on which to build a church. He purchased a lot for three hundred dollars and contracted to pay twenty-five dollars a month on it, but the Lord blessed in such a way that we were able to pay that much each week until it was paid for. We expect to begin a building this spring. We have some money in the treasury for this purpose, and the drive is still on.

Brother Anderson and others have worked hard at this. I believe that God will continue to bless in this work, and give victory over everything that tries to hinder. We solicit your prayers that we may remain faithful. Especially pray for our pastor who is having many hard trials, but we believe he will come thru pure gold.—A member.

OBITUARIES

WHITE

On Nov. 12, 1927 the death angel came to the home of Grandma White of Temple, Ga. and claimed her for its victim. She was born June 20, 1850 and was seventy-seven years, four months, three weeks and two days old at her death.

She leaves to mourn her loss six sons, three daughters, four sisters and three brothers. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Williams at Mt. Carmel. The remains were laid to rest in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery to await the soon coming of Jesus. We feel sure that Grandma White is with Jesus. Her husband had gone on before her.

She was a member of the P. M. Church about fifty years. Her maiden name was Louisiana Manor and she was married to Nicholas White in the year 1871 on Dec. 25th. To this union were born eleven children, nine of which are living and two are dead. Grandma was left a widow twenty-nine years. She was dearly loved by all who knew her. We hated to give her up, but we weep not as those who have no hope. We feel sure that she is at rest. She died with dropsy, suffered three years. Just a few hours before her death, she talked about Jesus and going home and sang "When the Roll is Called up Yonder." We can only say to the sorrowing family, look up, for Jesus knows best. We would not call her back, but we can all meet her if we live right. God took her home to dwell with Him where there is no sorrow, sickness, no death, but joy and happiness forever more.

Grandma was not a member of the Church of God, but liked to talk about living right. She had never seen the light on the Church of God, but wanted the saints to pray for her. She left a bright testimony that when the roll was called she would be there.

Children dear, I soon must leave you For the end is drawing near, But beyond the river, children, There will be no burdens there.

No more suffering there, dear children, In that land of peace and rest, And it's just across the river, children, I will sing, sweet home, at last.

Come and take me now, dear Jesus For I am ready now to go, For the blood from Calvary's mountain Washes me as white as snow.

Yes, I know I am ready, dear children, For the Spirit speaks within, That my sins have been forgiven And I am cleansed from every sin.

And you too, my precious brothers, You will be coming soon I know, For you know the way to Heaven, You have seen it long ago.

You have been so faithful Margie, All these years, both day and night; Your reward is waiting yonder, In that land of pure delight.

One by one you all must follow, You must go the narrow way, For no sin can enter Heaven In that land of perfect day.

Will the circle be unbroken When we gather around the throne, There to live with Christ forever Where the toils of life are o'er.—

Written by two friends who dearly loved her, Mrs. Louella Harper and Mrs. Carrie Lee Akins, Temple, Ga., R. 2.

LYONS

On Dec. 14, 1927 God in His all-wise providence, called from our midst, a loving father, husband and brother. The summons came at twelve o'clock noon, to dear Brother Bill Lyons, age sixty-four, at his home in Newbern, Va., where he had been a patient sufferer for several months. Human hands did all that could be done, but God in His own good time called Him home.

The funeral service for the departed was held at Newbern Church, Dec. 16th, 1927 at 11:30 a. m. and was conducted by Brother W. B. Davis of Pulaski, Va. His body was laid to rest in the Newbern Cemetery to await the coming of the Lord. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, Mrs. Alice Lyons of Newbern, seven children and

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH ARE INTERESTED

All are Invited to Join The Lord's Army for Good

Dear Brother Lee:

I hardly believe you meant to exclude friends from helping in the drive, so I ask you to please accept the \$5.00 I am enclosing, on the Church indebtedness. I am not a member of the Church of God, but I believe in it with all my heart and aim to be a member if the dear Lord permits me to live.

I believe there are many friends who would gladly help if they knew it would be appreciated. However I am sure it would. I think I never saw such honest, noble looking men as those in charge at the assembly. So I am sure we can trust them and think everybody should do their best to help pay this debt.

We are right much in debt on our home here. But I am going to pay some more on the Church debt if possible. Oh, if we would only stop and realize who helps us in our troubles and gives us health and strength and makes it possible for us to pay our own debts. I can never repay what I owe so please accept this, and pray that I may stay humble at His feet, and in the center of His dear will.

Humbly yours,

Mrs. J. C. Travis.

Dear Sister Travis we are certainly glad that you have called our attention to this. Perhaps there are many other friends of the Church who would be delighted to help in this noble cause. Let us insist that no one feel backward in this. We certainly appreciate our friends and what they may do for the cause of the Lord.

F. J. Lee, Gen. Overseer:

Enclosed find \$1.00 to help pay the debt that is hanging over the Church of God. I am not a member of the Church of God, but by the help of the Lord I expect to be just as soon as possible. I love the Church of God and I know it's the only Bible Church. I long to be a loyal member of the body

a host of friends.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, yea, henceforth they rest from all their labors, but their works do follow them.

GRIFFIN

The death angel came and claimed Sister Griffin, age forty years and a few months. She was called away at once; her death was very unexpected. She always had a bright testimony and trusted God to the end. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, seven children and a host of friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Sister French of Trinity, Texas and her body was laid to rest at Wesley Chapel to await the resurrection.

This dear mother is riding Upon the mystic sea; In Jesus' bosom hiding With Him she will ever be.

MOSES

Mr. Emmett Moses died December 26th, 1927. Mr. Moses was 47 years old. He was born in Syria in 1880. He became dissatisfied with his country and came to this country at the age of sixteen. He was baptized in the Catholic church when he was two weeks old. In the year 1911 he came to Chattanooga and in 1913 was married to Miss Ada Bell Burkhardt. To this union was born one son.

In his last days he became acquainted with the Church of God and loved its teachings.—Harry L. Whittington.

GILMORE

Sisson Gilmore age about eighteen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simm Gilmore of Lyon, Miss. passed out from earthly sorrows Oct. 21. Dear Sisson passed out praising God for saving his soul only a few days before becoming a prey to the disease that so swiftly carried him away. He warned the beloved that he was leaving and to make their calling sure with the Lord that saved his soul. He bore his suffering so patiently, just looking to the Lord to relieve every pain.

Dear Sisson how we miss you, but we are preparing to meet you some sweet day. Nothing can fill your place with the loved ones left behind. The mother that never left the bedside, the father, brothers and sisters ever near, are all broken hearted, but God knew best. He loved him more than all the rest.

He is gone, but not forgotten. His dying testimony was a sweet lingering message to all.—A cousin, Estelle Holway.

DUNAWAY

On Sept. 19, 1927 the death angel visited the home of Mr. Henry Dunaway and claimed his dear wife, Lou-bena Dunaway. She was born March 2, 1876, married Dec. 21, 1898 and was fifty-one years old when she departed this life. She was the mother of six children, five girls and one boy.

Sister Loubena was a true, faithful wife and a mother indeed. She was sanctified and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and had been a faithful member of the Church of God for eleven years. She was loved by all who knew her. She is missed in her home and in the church, was kind

of Christ and pay my tithes in the Church of God. I enjoy paying my tithes, I get a wonderful blessing by doing so. I attended the last Assembly. I think it's a wonderful place to go. I expect to go again, the Lord willing. I think the \$1.00 per member plan is a great thing to help pay the debt. If each member will do their part, the amount can surely be raised.

I am anxious to pay \$1.00 for my part. If you think it would help any one Brother Lee, you might put my letter in the Evangel. I read the Evangel every week, and it is food to my soul. The good writings in the paper are surely encouraging to me. I want each and every one to pray for me, that the Lord will have His will and way in my heart and life.

A friend.

I do not know which one of the friends this is, but I am sure the Lord knows. To be a friend to His cause is to be a friend to Him. I am sure that the Lord has thousands of friends who are anxious to show that they are friends to Him and His cause. Dear ones this is your opportunity.

Dear Brother Lee:

I heartily endorse the one dollar plan for paying off the indebtedness. We are expecting to have ours ready by the set time. I am pastoring Zellwood and Ferndale churches and would like to know the whereabouts of M. F. Armstrong, Mattie Armstrong, Leonard Armstrong, Willie Armstrong, Willie Boone, Cora Boone, who are members at Zellwood. We will ask each one of these to please send one dollar each to Brother H. F. Harris, Zellwood, Fla., treasurer for this fund.

Your brother,

E. E. Simmons.

Thank you Brother Simmons for your interest in this. I felt sure that you were working at it and would come at the proper time.

and humble always, met everyone with the love of God shining from her smiling face. She spoke no evil of anyone, loved to attend church, paid her tithes and was liberal in helping the orphans.

We say to her loved ones: Remember wife and mother; don't forget her prayers, that all of you would live for Jesus, and meet her in the skies.

The family circle has been broken. Her place can never be filled; But can at last be brought together, If we will all for Jesus live.

Dear ones she is going to look for you, So please meet her up there; Let not her pleading prayers be in vain, Now for the coming of Jesus prepare.—Her pastor, J. C. Lentz and wife.

HOOKS

Mrs. Lelia Mae Hooks was born Aug. 19, 1900 and was the daughter of Brother and Sister R. E. Cox and the wife of Mr. D. V. Hooks of Alabama City, Ala. She departed this life Dec. 16, 1927 and was twenty-seven years of age. She leaves to mourn her death a father, mother and family, a loving husband, one darling little baby and a host of friends and relatives. Oh, we miss you precious darling, Since from us you've gone away; But we're hoping soon to see you On that great eternal day.

When our toils of life are done here, Then your face we hope to see; In that happy land over yonder, And with Jesus we shall be.

It was sad to see our loved one, Depart this life down here; As we stood around the bedside Where we shed many a tear.

Loving hands were bent to save you Though death made its work complete, How you suffered precious darling But your death smile was so sweet.

And your darling little baby, As it grows sweeter each day; It will miss its precious mother Since from it, you were taken away.

But we'll live with hope to see you In the sweet, sweet by and by, Where we'll clasp hands for ever, In the home beyond the sky.—A friend who loved her, Kitye Hale.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Some time back I sent out Orphanage envelopes and offered seven books as prizes to solicitors. Some of these books I had read, but the last two on the list I had not, so it happens that they are not good teaching. Some have written to me calling my attention to the fact, that they were not in harmony with the teaching of the Church of God. This being the case we do not want to send out any more of them. So I am going to return them to the publisher and get other books in their stead.

The other five books mentioned on the envelopes are genuine, good books, good for anyone to read. One sister has ordered fourteen envelopes, she is going into the soliciting business in good order.

F. J. Lee.

LONGING FOR MORE OF JESUS

HIAWATHA, W. Va.—I praise my great Redeemer for full salvation and a deep settled peace in my soul. I thank Him for letting me see the year of 1928. I have something to praise Him for this year that I didn't have last year. I thank Him for sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I have had sadness and heartaches since last New Years, having to give up my husband, not knowing if he was prepared to meet God.

It encourages my heart to know that the Lord will never leave nor forsake me. I have found His Word true. It seems that people think I have backslidden but there is something in my heart that is longing for more of Jesus. I love the Lord with my whole heart, soul and mind and some day I expect to hear Him say, "Come up higher and live with me." I have promised the Lord I would do more for Him in the coming year than ever before. I desire the prayers of the saints that I might know the Lord's will and so live in this life that I will be ready when He comes or calls for me. I belong to the Church of God.—Hattie Hall.

A Testimony For God

GOIN, Tenn.—I want to testify for my Lord, while I am deprived of going to Church very much. This Sabbath evening, how I long for the time to come that I can go to church like I once did, though I feel the hand of the dear Lord over me. His blessings are great, though I have many temptations to overcome. My dear Lord is always ready to help in time of need.

Dear saints let us not get discouraged because we can't be in a big meeting every day. Let us pray more and run faster for our dear Lord, for I feel that we need to put forth every effort that we can, to get closer to the Lord and win souls for Him.

I once lived at Dayton, Tenn. The Lord blessed us in letting us attend the services. He still blesses us though the children and myself are deprived of this privilege now. But I thank God for that promise which says, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5. I want to press on for I feel that it won't be long until all of God's children will be together around the great white throne. I praise the dear Lord because I feel His presence with me now. Oh how dear He is to me. He has touched me with His loving hand and healed my body so many times. I can hardly stay here when I think just what the Lord has done for me; how He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. He almost picked me up from death.

The majority of my folks reject the Holy Ghost, but praise the Lord, I want more of the sweet blessing. Dear saints, I want you to pray for me while I am deprived of being in good meetings. I mean to pray on till the dear Lord lets me out or takes me home to glory. I long to go home to Heaven for our blessed Lord will be there. I have three little children who have gone on and I believe little Ray is beckoning me to come. Just a little longer, a few more trials, a few more hardships, then we can be at home with Jesus. I have three girls in this holy way, also a dear loving companion. I thank God for my family. Pray much for me and for my husband while he is out trying to win souls for the Lord. Also pray for my sister and brother-in-law to receive the Holy Ghost. They are sanctified. Remember all of us.—Pearlie Bryant, R. 3, Box 76.

10 RECEIVED HOLY GHOST

A successful revival has just closed at Clarksburg, W. Va. It is estimated that there were eighteen saved, ten received the Holy Ghost and twenty-two were added to the Church. We took the Lord's Supper on the last night of the service and forty-two partook of it. Brother C. M. Fowler ran the meeting.—Bun E. Hicks, pastor, 271 W. Main St., Salem, W. Va.

Salvation Is For Those Who Will Accept

MENDENHALL, Miss.—I want to praise the Lord thru the Evangel for the way He has blessed me. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost about four months ago. He lifted me up out of the deep ruts of sin and placed my feet on higher ground and since that day I have been trusting Him for my healing. He has healed me many times.

I am striving harder and harder each day to live the life that is pleasing to Him. I humbly ask everyone to pray for me that I may ever stand true to the Lord and submit to His will at all times. Pray for my mother and father that they may get more interested in their soul's welfare, and get the Holy Ghost. We know it is for every one who will accept it.—Lourena Canoy.

5 RECEIVED HOLY GHOST

THOMASTON, Ga.—We have just closed a revival in Thomaston, Ga., with victory over the devil. Three were reclaimed, five others received the Holy Ghost, for which we praise the Lord. When I got to Thomaston they had no place in which to worship, but soon our pastor, Brother Cox came and we got a storehouse, seated it and organized Sunday School. We had thirty-eight to begin with and are increasing every Sunday. The revival was conducted by Sister Rich, assisted by the writer and pastor. Three were added to the church. We expect to build a church house pretty soon.—M. G. Barfield.

SAINTS SHOUTED

COLLINS, Ga.—We wish to sound a note of praise through the Evangel of how the Lord has blessed in a new field. We pitched a tent near the Altamaha River; worked for three weeks and the Lord wonderfully blessed. Many had never heard the Gospel before. Soon the altar was full of seekers, and the enemy got mad and wanted the tent moved. The tent was moved about five miles. We went to fighting with the sword of the Spirit. The dear Lord continued to bless, the seekers sought on near the close of the next three weeks. The enemy worked hard. He came to the meeting, got up in a testimony meeting and told us we were false, but the Lord drew near. The saints began to shout and rejoice about the space of an hour and the enemy had to leave, then at the close of six weeks there was a church set in order with 15 members; eleven were saved and sanctified, seven received the Holy Ghost and four spirit-filled workers who were faithful in the work came into the Church. We are glad of the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the Truth.

We earnestly covet your prayers that the Lord will continue to bless our labor in the Gospel, that we may be workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.—Y. E. McNear, Rt. No. 1.

Desires An Understanding Heart

EUSTIS, Fla.—This hour really finds me converted, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost which guides me daily. Bless the name of Jesus! I thank God for the life that Jesus is living thru me. Oh, it is so sweet to stay humble before the Lord and let Him pour out His Spirit upon us.

I thank God for the wonderful healing power. I am staying humble before the Lord each day that He will give me more faith, more power and an understanding heart that I will know just how to do His work.

Dear readers please pray for me that I might be what the Lord is calling me to be in these last days. "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts." Hag. 2:9.—J. L. Hayward.

NO CHURCH-GOD IS WORKING

PITTSBURG, Ga.—I am a member of the Church of God, praise the Lord. There is no church at this place, but we have four members here. Sister Crunkelton is going to start Sunday School as soon as the weather permits. We had five nights of meeting and one received the Holy Ghost, one was healed and one sanctified. Several were healed. My little boy broke his arm and Sister Crunkelton and I prayed for him and he was healed.

We surely do believe in the dollar drive. Sister Crunkelton says she intends to get all she can. The people think lots of her here and she surely holds up the Church of God and lives so that people cannot doubt.

I am thankful for a prayer answering God. Saints pray for me, also for my husband that he may become a Christian. I love the great Church of God. It is my haven in this world. May the Lord bless everywhere. Pray for me as I am young in this way. I want to be a soul winner for Jesus.—Your sister, Ava Jones.

SIN, A SOUL DESTROYER

'Tis many a year I've lost in sin, My Savior dear would not come in Because of my wicked way, And oh my soul was led astray. But all this time my Savior dear Was wanting me His voice to hear, That He might teach me how to live That a home in heaven I could have. The saddest thing that I have done, His love I've often tried to shun, But He has done so much for me In sin I'm ashamed to be.

I'll turn to Him and go His way That He can help me every day; I will trust Him and keep His grace, Soon I shall see His shining face. Sin is a thing we cannot hide. The Savior is just over on the other side Watching and seeing every step we take

So He can judge us in that day. On that great cross His blood did flow Just because He loved us so Then people don't think enough of Him To quit such a little thing as sin. The devil loves a sinful man, He'll destroy your soul if he can; He will try to teach you to do wrong To make you fight the heavenly throng.

Old Satan is seeking whom he may devour, Trying to tempt you every hour. But Jesus, our Master, is pleading too; Which one of those are you going to choose?

The day is coming we all know To heaven or hell we'll surely go, So it is left up to you To go to either place you may choose. Dear people, think this day! Don't turn our loving Savior away, When He is knocking at your heart Let Him in to never part.—Robert V. Hunt, Pikeville, Ky.

Lightning bolts from Bible skies

M. S. Lemons. Words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in pictures of silver.—Bible. Hearts stung by words are hard to heal.

By thy words thou shalt be justified; and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.—Jesus.

A fool is known by a multitude of words.—Bible.

A brother offended is harder to gain than a strong city.—Jesus.

He that broadcasteth words soweth to the wind.

Words of a talebearer separateth friends.—Solomon.

We shall live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.—Jesus.

Jesus is the Word of God. All of the law is fulfilled in one word, i. e. LOVE.

Let the word of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord! My strength and my redeemer.—David.

Let the words of Christ dwell in you richly.—James.

Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only.—Jesus.

Six things God hates; yea seven. 1st—A proud look.

2d—A lying tongue. 3d—Hands that shed innocent blood.

4th—An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations. 5th—Feet that be swift in running to mischief.

6th—A false witness that speaketh lies. 7th—He that soweth discord among his brethren.

THE GOLDEN RULE The Golden rule will bless a fool, Whatever may be the cost. If this is not true, and will not do, The fool is surely lost.

Do unto others, "As you would they should do to you."

Just like your mother; Things that are good—"Be kind and true."

When justice makes her final bow, We shall then reap just what we sow.

JOSEPH A TYPE OF JESUS

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blessed the Gentiles for Jesus' sake, for Jesus is not only the greatest and best man that ever lived, but He is the image of the invisible God. It pleased the Father, that in Him should all fullness dwell. In Him are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. By accepting Him, the Gentiles have been greatly blessed, have prospered and found favor with the Lord.

The interpretation of Pharaoh's dream by Joseph was a foresight of what was going to happen in Egypt. There were to be seven years of plenty and seven years of famine, and as Joseph was the ruler of Egypt, he laid up stores in cities that they might have plenty in the time of famine.

The seven years of plenty is a type of the Gentile age. We are now living in a land that flows with milk and honey, spiritually speaking. We have Jesus as our Ruler; we hold Him superlative above everything. His Spirit is being poured out on all flesh; He is trying to prepare us for the tribulation and if we will store up our food, verily we shall be fed in the time of famine.

The seven years of famine came on and there was bread in the land of Egypt. Joseph opened the store houses and sold to the Egyptians and to all the countries. The famine was also in the land of Canaan, and Jacob sent his sons into Egypt to buy food of Joseph, as Joseph was ruler of Egypt.

It was here that his brothers came and bowed down themselves to him. He recognized his brothers, but him they did not, so on their second trip to Egypt to buy corn, Joseph gave them a feast and made himself known to them. He asked them about his father. Of course, they were exceedingly sorry for the way they had treated him, but he said unto them, "Be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, for ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

For these two years hath the famine been in the land; and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God; and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and Lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt." He then sent for his father and all his family and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt and Joseph nourished them with bread. The Israelites dwelt there and grew and multiplied exceedingly.

The seven years of famine is a type of the tribulation wherein the Jews will come back to Jesus. "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth." Rev. 14:1, 3.

He also said that it was His Father's will that He come to preserve life—for in Him we find life and find it more abundantly. God also sent Him to preserve His people a posterity in the earth and to save their lives by a great deliverance, for He died for men, not in the sense that a devoted mother would give her life for a child, or as one friend might die for another, but He died for men in a sense in which no other being ever has, or ever could die for men. He died for men in order that the dead in trespasses and in sins might attain to a life which never could have been theirs without His death.

As Joseph was governor and Lord over all Egypt, so shall Jesus reign in the Kingdom that His Father shall give Him, for thus it was written of Him by the prophet, "and thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not least among the princes of Juda, for out of the shall come a Governor that shall rule my people Israel." He shall rule as King of kings and Lord of lords and shall give His people a possession in the new and holy city and He shall be their God and they shall be His people; so shall they ever be with the Lord.

More, Like Nichodemus, Are Converted

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—I would like to say that in the ten years of my ministry, I don't think that I ever saw God's blessings fall, or unity prevail any more than it has here for a long time. An unadvised revival broke out here the other day (one like Nichodemus was converted in), and it ran three nights. We did not keep any account of how many got the blessing, but when it was over we took about ten members into the Church.

Thank God, we have a real church at this place now. We are fighting sin and the devil in every form, and are determined to go over the top for Jesus. Anyone passing this way, who needs a real blessing in their soul, we would be glad to have you stop over.

Come on preachers, let's plumb the line, for compromising with the devil will never get you anywhere. Everybody that reads this, pray for us in Charlotte. Yours for lost souls, I. G. Roberts, pastor.

SURELY GOD WAS PLEASED

ELECTRA, Tex.—Truly I praise the Lord this beautiful Sunday morning for His love and mercy to me. He has been so good to me that it seems I can never praise and thank Him like I would like to. About three years ago Jesus came into my life and rolled the burden of sin away. I will never forget that night. It seemed that I would never have another care, although Satan was on his job just as he is today. He began to ask me if I really thought I was saved, and all the next day he brought doubts before me until I said I would pray the Heavenly Father and surrender my life into His hands. When I did this, oh how the joy filled my soul! A few months later God baptized me with the sweet Holy Ghost and I spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Truly I am glad today for a salvation like this. God led me into the great Church of God.

I praise Him for the good meeting He has given us here at Electra. Our State Overseer, Brother E. W. Williams came here on the 5th of January and started a meeting. Brother and Sister Cockerell were with him. The meeting was a success in spite of Satan. Ten received the Holy Ghost for we heard them talk in tongues and magnify God. Brother Williams could not stay long as his work called him elsewhere. Brother and Sister Cockerell were left in charge, assisted by our pastor, Brother Wood, and wife. Surely there has been much good done and God is pleased. We are looking forward for a greater outpouring of God's love and power than we have experienced in the past. Pray for us here.—Mrs. E. W. Eggenberg.

THE FORMER AND LATTER HOUSE

The glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former house. Hag. 2:9. The glory of the former house was great, however it could not be compared to that of the latter house. The former house was the temple built by Solomon. This former house was a building hallowed by the special presence of God and consecrated to His worship. In Hebrews it is called the palace of Jehovah and the house of God. Every heathen temple had its idol, but the true and living God dwelt between the Cherubim in the holy of holiest at Jerusalem. This former house was a place where the presence of God met with His people. See the dedication, the wonderful presence of God! See how the glory of the Lord filled the house! 2 Cor. 5:14.

The Lord honored this former house with His real presence and met with His people from time to time at this special place. The Jews looked on this temple or former house as the place of worship. When Jesus met the woman at the well after He had told her all things she ever did, she said that He was a prophet. The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet, our fathers worshipped in this mountain and ye say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman believe me, the hour cometh when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem worship the father. But the hour cometh when the true worshippers shall worship the father in Spirit and truth. This denotes that the time was at hand when the presence of God could be found everywhere. The temple that was built by Solomon was overthrown and in later years was rebuilt.

Some writers claim this to fulfill Hagga's prophecy, but I believe this has a broader meaning than the new temple back there. While we know it was larger than the former, however, I believe that we come to the upper room where the Holy Ghost came in. The upper room is where He came to His temple as a fire and a rushing mighty wind and they all spake with other tongues. This surely was some of the glory of the latter house. The House of God or the Church of God was exalted above everything else. O the glory of it built on such a foundation. Jesus Christ Himself, the chief corner stone. We immediately see after the exaltation of the latter house three thousands believers were added to them; the sick were healed; demons were cast out; the lame made to walk. Oh, the glory of this latter house, the wonderful presence of God!

He met with His people even in the cottage meetings. Didn't need to go to any special place, but God met with His people everywhere and He does the same thing today in this latter house. He comes in the midst of the people that are assembled in His name.

I have never believed that we were building a new house, but adding to the old one. I do not believe that we need a new foundation. I think the one that has already been laid is the one that we are to build on. Some have said we must have apostles in the Church now. If we were going to build a new building we would be compelled to have them, but since we are not building a new one and are still adding to the old one, we do not need them for Paul said you are built up on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.

Brother Bun E. Hicks lives at Salem, which is 14 miles away. He comes over to be with us twice a month. He is expecting to have Brother Foster here soon to start a revival. We want you to pray that God will have His way in our midst at all times and that the many hungry souls will get to enjoy a real feast at Father's table.

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We truly thank God for the way He has increased the Spirituality of the saints here of late. We are expecting to do our part in lifting the debt, so just pray that our God will continue to feed our souls and make us able to shout our way up the King's highway. Sincerely, your brother on the altar for service for Christ and souls, J. C. Vore.

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Over two weeks ago, we came to Ranger, Tex., after having closed a meeting in Mannford, Okla., with great success. After arriving, much to our surprise, we were asked to stay for a meeting. Even though we were tired after having driven over four hundred miles and having been in a revival since before the camp meeting, losing only time enough to go from place to place, we promised we would stay.

The meeting started and God began to bless from the very beginning. Surely last Sunday was a wonderful day for the Church of God at Ranger. The Lord honored the day. It was to be the last day for Sister Wood, (Brother Wood having gone on to Electra) and of course as she was loved so dearly and had been so faithful to the Cause of Christ, every one came to church with a heavy heart. The Sunday School showed their appreciation by presenting a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a vase, as a token of their love. Then with tear stained faces, all over the congregation, different ones got up and told how she had been a blessing to them. I was enthused to hear so many thank God for her, and how she had helped them. It encouraged me to press on. I was made to see how wonderful it is to serve the Lord, as I thought of the souls she had pointed to the Lord and helped pray them thru to victory.

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Immediately after the church had shown their appreciation of Brother and Sister Wood, and feeling that God was taking them to another field to point others to the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, they began to sing a song to close the morning service, but God moved on the scene in a greater way. The power fell, a message was given by one of the sisters, an altar call was made, eleven obeyed the voice of the Lord and six prayed thru to the Holy Ghost. Others were saved and sanctified. That makes ten who have prayed thru to the Holy Ghost. Surely we can say with David of old, "O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things."—One who loves the Lord, Lois (Ross) Cockerell, Weatherford, Texas.

EXPECTING A GREAT FEAST

CLARKSBURG, W. Va.—Tonight finds me with victory in my soul and a greater determination to press right on toward the end of the race. For God's glory, I feel led to speak of how He is working in our midst here in Clarksburg.

Some time back we were refused the privilege of worshipping in the "Free Pentecostal" tabernacle any longer, so we just had cottage prayer meetings from house to house, but the dear Lord blessed and six souls were saved. The crowds increased in size and we found it necessary to hunt larger quarters. A sinner man who had a large dance hall sent us word that we could have it for \$15.00 a month. We rented it, put in folding chairs and seats and two large coal stoves, also used the piano that was there.

Last Sunday was our first service in the hall and forty were out to Sunday School and a large crowd was present Sunday night. Eight were at the altar, and ten on Tuesday night. Many wept at their seats and had to fight the Spirit to keep from going forward.

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The meeting started and God began to bless from the very beginning. Surely last Sunday was a wonderful day for the Church of God at Ranger. The Lord honored the day. It was to be the last day for Sister Wood, (Brother Wood having gone on to Electra) and of course as she was loved so dearly and had been so faithful to the Cause of Christ, every one came to church with a heavy heart. The Sunday School showed their appreciation by presenting a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a vase, as a token of their love. Then with tear stained faces, all over the congregation, different ones got up and told how she had been a blessing to them. I was enthused to hear so many thank God for her, and how she had helped them. It encouraged me to press on. I was made to see how wonderful it is to serve the Lord, as I thought of the souls she had pointed to the Lord and helped pray them thru to victory.

We are paid a thousand times for the work we do for the Lord. The little times we had worked for the Lord, with our bodies aching and paining, and other little things, just vanished with the wind. A desire arose in my heart and I said, "O I want to work for the Lord as never before." I could think of Stephen when he was stoned to death. He being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into Heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. Just one glimpse of His face in Glory, will pay us a thousand times and then, may we be able to look and see many souls, waving palms of glory as they shout and dance around the throne (the fruits of our labor in Christ).

Immediately after the church had shown their appreciation of Brother and Sister Wood, and feeling that God was taking them to another field to point others to the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, they began to sing a song to close the morning service, but God moved on the scene in a greater way. The power fell, a message was given by one of the sisters, an altar call was made, eleven obeyed the voice of the Lord and six prayed thru to the Holy Ghost. Others were saved and sanctified. That makes ten who have prayed thru to the Holy Ghost. Surely we can say with David of old, "O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things."—One who loves the Lord, Lois (Ross) Cockerell, Weatherford, Texas.

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